

**From:** [Short, Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Evison, Leah](#)  
**Cc:** [Fischer, Timothy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI re EPA IG visit  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 2:15:53 PM

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Yes, I've told Rick.

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**From:** Evison, Leah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 2:12 PM  
**To:** Short, Thomas  
**Cc:** Fischer, Timothy  
**Subject:** Re: FYI re EPA IG visit

Tom – As this has gone up to Rick I wanted you to know that I have clarified MPCA's use of a different screening value at General Mills from the one EPA recommended. If you want the details, see the attached memo from Keith, but the bottom line is that we believe that the ACTION level MPCA is using to decide whether or not to install mitigation systems IS protective (see last paragraph of Keith's memo), even though their screening value was based on 10-5 risk rather than the 10-6 that EPA uses for screening.

Leah

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**From:** Vega, Sonia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 2:00 PM  
**To:** Evison, Leah  
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Just got this.....

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**From:** El-Zein, Jason  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 1:56 PM  
**To:** Vega, Sonia  
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**From:** Ballotti, Doug  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 2:41 PM

**To:** El-Zein, Jason  
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**From:** Short, Thomas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 1:39 PM  
**To:** Karl, Richard; Ballotti, Doug  
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Rick and Doug, I don't think there's anything to be concerned about here but wanted you to know that the IG is talking to MPCA. The vapor intrusion issue reference is likely in regard to the General Mills site MPCA is currently managing that is likely to come back our way sometime in the future. MPCA is currently having General Mills install vapor mitigation systems on home and for reasons unclear to us, after asking for our advice on a threshold to use for installation of systems MPCA went with a higher threshold and citizens have been asking why.

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**From:** Evison, Leah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 12:27 PM  
**To:** Tanaka, Joan; Short, Thomas  
**Cc:** Vega, Sonia; Fischer, Timothy  
**Subject:** FYI re EPA IG visit

FYI I asked Sandeep Burman and he said that EPA's IG is here to talk to their Commissioner about what may not be working well in their relationship with EPA, as part of a multi-State trip. It appears not to be a Superfund-specific visit, though evidently the IG did ask specifically about their relationship with EPA around the vapor intrusion issue. Neither Sonia nor I have been asked to do an interview and I doubt we will be, this appears to be focused on getting input from the State.

Leah

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**From:** Vega, Sonia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 12:02 PM  
**To:** Evison, Leah  
**Subject:** Next Week

Have you heard a rumor EPA's IG will be here next week? I was asked about it, but had not heard about it until then. Just curious is you knew...

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